

CM/ECF 3.04 – Changes for PACER users

Displaying Court Site Information to the Public

Certain court information now is available to public users without first requiring the users to log in to the application. The same information also is available to users who have already logged in.

Available on the CM/ECF welcome screen and the Utilities menu is the new Court Information program.

If the user clicks this item, either from the welcome screen or the Utilities menu, the following information is displayed: the name of the court, the version of CM/ECF the court is currently running, the date the court went live on CM/ECF, the file size limitation for documents, descriptions of public flags, the court's address, the court's phone number, the court's e-mail address, the court's hours of operation, the PACER Service Center's address, the PACER Service Center's phone number, and the PACER Service Center's e-mail address. This information is populated from **codes** and **site** table entries. Following is a sample Court Information Report; this is a sample screen.

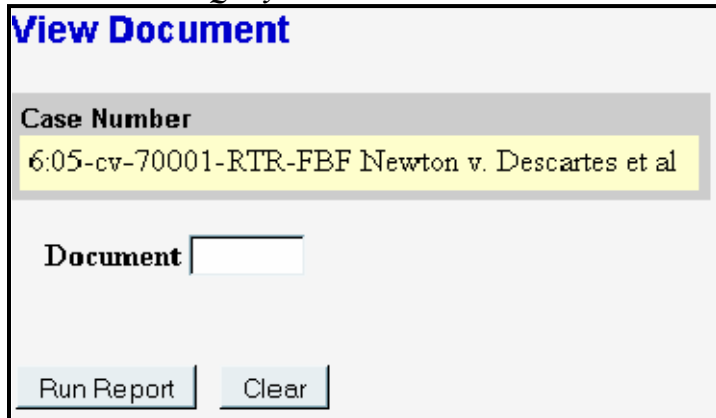
Court Information Report – Sample Output

Court Information	
Court Details	
Court's Name	United States Court of Federal Claims
Software Version	CM/ECF-DC V3.0.3
ECF Go Live Date	March 17, 2003
Maximum PDF File Size	2 MB
Court Locations	
Court's Name	United States Court of Federal Claims
Court's Address	717 Madison Place, NW, Washington, DC 20005
Court's Phone Number	202-357-6400
Court's Email Address	CFC_CMECFHelpDesk@ao.uscourts.gov
Court's Hours	8:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m., Monday - Friday
Pacer Details	
Pacer's Address	PACER Service Center, P.O. Box 780549, San Antonio, TX 78278-0549
Pacer's Phone Number	(800) 676-6856 or (210) 301-6440 if residing in the San Antonio area
Pacer's Email Address	pacer@psc.uscourts.gov
Flag Definitions	
Code	Translation
ADR	ADR

Searching for Documents within a Case

PACER users now can access PDF documents for a case without first running a Docket Report. The new View a Document item on the Query menu presents the user with a single text entry field. If the user enters a document number in this field and the document is available to PACER users or to the specific CM/ECF user, the Transaction Receipt is displayed. If the user clicks the **View Document** button, the document is displayed. This new query provides a way to access documents without first being charged to access the Docket Report.

View a Document Query



View Document

Case Number
6:05-cv-70001-RTR-FBF Newton v. Descartes et al

Document

Query Changes

- The display of case associations now includes terminated associations and the association end date. The associations are sorted with pending associations listed above terminated associations.
- All pending parties now are included in the Case Summary query. Previously, consolidated plaintiff and consolidated defendant parties did not appear in the output for the Case Summary query.
- A hyperlink to the Docket Report was added to the output screen for the Related Transactions query.
- The Party and Attorney queries now sort by case number first by office number, then all four digits of the year, and then case type.

Calendar Events Report

Users can now select natures of suit from the selection screen of the Calendar Events Report. The report was modified so that if any natures of suit are chosen, only civil cases having the associated natures of suit and meeting other selection criteria will appear on the report. If the user doesn't select any natures of suit (meaning only the blank line of the field is selected), then the report will return all civil cases meeting the other selection criteria. The nature of suit is displayed on the output of the Calendar Events Report as follows:

7:05-cv-07200-EHE-TBT Napier v. Dee et al
(Nature of Suit 130 - Miller Act)

Civil Cases Report

The options **Nature of Suit** and **Cause of Action** were added to the Sort by list on the selection criteria screen for the Civil Cases Report.

The following warning message now appears at the top of the selection criteria screen for the Civil Cases Report:

Warning: This report is not subject to the 30 page billing cap. You will be billed for the total number of pages. If you want to run a report for a single case, you can use the Query menu or the Docket Report.

The date range fields for the Civil Cases Report are now limited to a 31 day time period. If the user changes the date range to a time period greater than 31 days, the following message will appear, and the user must change the date range: **"Warning: The date range you entered is too large. Please enter a date range no larger than 31 days. Click OK to continue."** The user will not be able to run the report until the date range entered is at most 31 days.

PACER Access and Preferences

- The PACER Service Center now allows users to set formatting requirements for the Client Code field. Also, PACER users can indicate whether the Client Code should be mandatory when logging in to CM/ECF. To implement these new features, PACER users should go to the PACER Service Center website at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> and click on **Account Information**.
- PACER users now can determine whether they see billing receipts for every billable transaction. To set their billing receipt preference, PACER users should go to the PACER Service Center website at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> and click on **Account Information**.